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Referred to Committee on Public Health

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AN ACT INCREASING THE FEE FOR A CREMATION CERTIFICATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 19a-323 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2011*):

4 (b) If death occurred in this state, the death certificate required by
5 law shall be filed with the registrar of vital statistics for the town in
6 which such person died, if known, or, if not known, for the town in
7 which the body was found. The Chief Medical Examiner, Deputy Chief
8 Medical Examiner, associate medical examiner, or an authorized
9 assistant medical examiner shall complete the cremation certificate,
10 stating that such medical examiner has made inquiry into the cause
11 and manner of death and is of the opinion that no further examination
12 or judicial inquiry is necessary. The cremation certificate shall be
13 submitted to the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which such

14 person died, if known, or, if not known, of the town in which the body
15 was found, or with the registrar of vital statistics of the town in which
16 the funeral director having charge of the body is located. Upon receipt
17 of the cremation certificate, the registrar shall authorize such
18 certificate, keep such certificate on permanent record, and issue a
19 cremation permit, except that if the cremation certificate is submitted
20 to the registrar of the town where the funeral director is located, such
21 certificate shall be forwarded to the registrar of the town where the
22 person died to be kept on permanent record. If a cremation permit
23 must be obtained during the hours that the office of the local registrar
24 of the town where death occurred is closed, a subregistrar appointed to
25 serve such town may authorize such cremation permit upon receipt
26 and review of a properly completed cremation permit and cremation
27 certificate. A subregistrar who is licensed as a funeral director or
28 embalmer pursuant to chapter 385, or the employee or agent of such
29 funeral director or embalmer shall not issue a cremation permit to
30 himself or herself. A subregistrar shall forward the cremation
31 certificate to the local registrar of the town where death occurred, not
32 later than seven days after receiving such certificate. The estate of the
33 deceased person, if any, shall pay the sum of [forty] one hundred fifty
34 dollars for the issuance of the cremation certificate, [or an amount
35 equivalent to the compensation then being paid by the state to
36 authorized assistant medical examiners, if greater,] provided [,] the
37 Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall not assess any fees for costs
38 that are associated with the cremation of a stillborn fetus. No
39 cremation certificate shall be required for a permit to cremate the
40 remains of bodies pursuant to section 19a-270a. When the cremation
41 certificate is submitted to a town other than that where the person
42 died, the registrar of vital statistics for such other town shall ascertain
43 from the original removal, transit and burial permit that the certificates
44 required by the state statutes have been received and recorded, that
45 the body has been prepared in accordance with the Public Health Code
46 and that the entry regarding the place of disposal is correct. Whenever
47 the registrar finds that the place of disposal is incorrect, the registrar

48 shall issue a corrected removal, transit and burial permit and, after
 49 inscribing and recording the original permit in the manner prescribed
 50 for sextons' reports under section 7-66, shall then immediately give
 51 written notice to the registrar for the town where the death occurred of
 52 the change in place of disposal stating the name and place of the
 53 crematory and the date of cremation. Such written notice shall be
 54 sufficient authorization to correct these items on the original certificate
 55 of death. The fee for a cremation permit shall be three dollars and for
 56 the written notice one dollar. The Department of Public Health shall
 57 provide forms for cremation permits, which shall not be the same as
 58 for regular burial permits and shall include space to record
 59 information about the intended manner of disposition of the cremated
 60 remains, and such blanks and books as may be required by the
 61 registrars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2011	19a-323(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]